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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 23 through page 4, line 3 with the following paragraph:

The consumable 12 has an opening 25 (FIG. 3) that receives an upwardly-extending portion 26 of the housing 16 to hold the consumable 12 in place. The upwardly extending portion 26 is formed by a side wall 26a and a closed upper end 26b that together define a cavity 26c. The upwardly extending portion 26 preferably has a plurality of inclined ribs 26' on its outer surface with undercut portions 26" to ensure that the consumable 12 remains in place at the housing 16 during consumption. When a resilient material such as gummy candy is used for the consumable 12, the opening 25 in the consumable may be somewhat smaller in diameter than the portion of the housing to be received within it to enhance friction and thereby retain the candy in place.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 8 through page 4, line 19 with the following paragraph:

Referring more specifically to FIG. 3, in the illustrated embodiment the upwardly-extending portion 26 of the housing 16 contains the light source 14 within the cavity 26c and supports the consumable 12. While the material of the side wall 26a and closed upper end 26b of the upwardly-extending portion 26 is limited by the need to transmit at least a portion of the light emanating from the light source to achieve the desired visual effect, the remainder of the housing 16 is not so limited and can be made of any other suitable material. Although the figures show a particular shape for the upwardly-extending portion 26, alternatively, it can have any other shape suitable for supporting the consumable 12 and housing the light source 14.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 18 through page 5, line 27 with the following paragraph:

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First and second contact portions 38" 38 and 39" 39 are disposed within the recesses directly below the batteries. The first contact portion 38 has an finger 38' which extends through the gap 37 and against a vertical tab 39' of the second contact portion 39. The two contact portions are also provided with central spring arms 38' 38" and 39' 39", respectively, which urge the batteries upwardly. The finger 38' of the contact portion 38 is configured to contact and press against the tab 39' of the contact portion 39 when the insulator 24 is removed from the opening 22.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 29 through page 8, line 2 with the following paragraph:

The insulator 24 and the insulating ring 41 may each be made of any suitable insulating material, such as coated paper or a sheet of suitable synthetic polymeric material. In one particular embodiment, the material may be polyethylene terephthalate, the type available commercially under the trademark Mylar.